

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN BRUCE SIMON**, on March 2, 1999 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bruce Simon, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Pavlovich, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Joe Barnett (R)
Rep. Rod Bitney (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. David Ewer (D)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Rep. Billie Krenzler (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Gay Ann Masolo (R)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. Joe McKenney (R)
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)
Rep. Jay Stovall (R)
Rep. Cliff Trexler (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Paul Sliter, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Roy Brown (R)
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Stephen Maly, Legislative Branch
Pati O'Reilly, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: SB 103, SB 115, SB 347, SB 98,
2/19/1999
Executive Action: SB 115, SB 347, SB 99

HEARING ON SB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Franklin introduced SB 103
EXHIBIT (buh47a01) **EXHIBIT** (buh47a02)

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Proponents' Testimony: Mark O'Keefe, State Auditor

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Jon Metropolis, Ins. Agents

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 328 - 402}

Susan Whitey, Blue Cross and Blue Shield

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 402 - 408}

Dennis Iverson, Med Research

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 408 - 433}

Chris Jankowski, Council of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 433 - 500}

Tom Ebzery Yellowstone Comm. Health Plan

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 24}

Don Allen, MT Medical Benefits Plan

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24 - 32}

Mona Jamison, MT Physical Therapists

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 32 - 93}

Beta Lovitt, Director of MT Med. Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 93 - 103}

Jim Smith, MT State Pharm. Assn.

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 103 - 131}

Betty Beverly, MT Senior Citizens Assn.

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Allen Strange, MT Primary Care

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Page Dringman, Am. Ins. of America

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 172 - 228}

Tod Judd, MT Nurses Assn member

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 228 - 236}

Rebecca Moe, MT Womens Lobby

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 236 - 244}

Jodi Smollee, All State **EXHIBIT**(buh47a03) **EXHIBIT**(buh47a04)

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 244 - 321}

Opponents' Testimony: Craig Sweet, Mont PRIG

{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 321 - 342}

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bookout
Squires, Stovall, Krenzler, Pavlovich and Simon question witnesses.

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Closing by Sponsor: Senator Franklin closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 335 - 500}

HEARING ON SB 99

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Tester introduced SB 99

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 57}

Proponents' Testimony: Mark O'Keefe, State Auditor

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Linda Wolfe **EXHIBIT**(buh47a08)

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Doug Meal, Montana State Fireman Assn. **EXHIBIT**(buh47a05)

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Susan Witte, Blue Cross/Blue Shield **EXHIBIT**(buh47a06)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 156 - 172}

Greg Nuce, Law Enforcement Academy

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 172 - 194}

Claudia Clifford, State Auditor **EXHIBIT**(buh47a07)

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 194 - 206}

Don Allen, MT Med. Benefits Assn

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 206 - 212}

Bob Anderson, MT Sheriff and Peace Officers

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 212 - 226}

Pat Clinch, MT Firefighters

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 226 - 230}

Al Pontrelli, MT Assn of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 230 - 244}

Perry Johnson, Sheriff of Ravalli County

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 244 - 260}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Reps. Bitney, Pavlovich and Simon question witnesses

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 260 - 478}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Tester closed.

{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 478 - 500}

HEARING ON SB 115

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Stang introduced SB 115

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0 - 47}

Proponents' Testimony: Claudia Clifford, State Auditors Office

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 47 - 91}

EXHIBIT (buh47a09) EXHIBIT (buh47a10)

Al Pontrelli, MT Assn of Life Underwriters

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 91 - 100}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Stang closed.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 100 - 103}

HEARING ON SB 347

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Senator Stang opened SB 347

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 103 - 139}

Proponents' Testimony: Claudia Clifford, State Auditors Office
{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 139 - 167}

Don Allen, MT Medical Benefits

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 167 - 180}

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: Rep. Bookout,
questions Clifford.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 180 - 184}

Closing by Sponsor: Senator Stang Closed

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EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115

Motion/Vote: REP. KRENZLER moved that SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 201 - 220}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 347

Motion/Vote: REP. SQUIRES moved that SB 347 BE CONCURRED IN.
Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 220 - 221}

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 99

Motion: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 99 BE CONCURRED IN.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 221 - 234}

Motion/Vote: REP. PAVLOVICH moved that SB 99 BE AMENDED. Motion
carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 234 - 262}

Motion/Vote: REP. MCKENNEY moved that SB 99 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously.

{Tape : 3; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 262 - 300}

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:34 A.M.

REP. BRUCE SIMON, Chairman

PATI O'REILLY, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (buh47aad)